

MINUTES

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 13, 2016, District Office 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Board Members: Vice President Ron Blunck, Neil Carrigan, Ted Taylor, Student Abigail Collings

Excused: President Ken Durrant, Kelly Preece

District Staff: Superintendent Doug Jacobs, Business Administrator D'Lynn Poll, Secretary Jana Brown

Other Staff and Patrons: Stephen Williams, Dustin Hislop, Lydia Nuttall, Renn Hoopes, Christelle Nuttall, Heidi Andreasen, Gina Stuart, Tricia Grow, Jim Brown, Jackie Rutherford, Andy Jensen, Bret Harvey, Jennie Earl, Crae Wilson, Terry Allen, Scouts from local troops, Family and Friends of Employee of the Month Honorees

Welcome/Pledge/Prayer:

Vice President Blunck welcomed everyone and reminded them to sign the attendance roll. Ted Taylor led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer. Mr. Blunck welcomed Abigail Collings, student school board member.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Neil Carrigan made a motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes, personnel updates, budget report, treasurer's report, claims, and school reconciliation reports.

SECOND: Ted Taylor seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Superintendent's Report:

Forgotten American Stories – Lydia Nuttall

Superintendent Jacobs informed the board members that Lydia Nuttall has compiled a book entitled *Forgotten American Stories*. Lydia stated that the idea of this book came to

her as a result of attending local and state school board meetings. She felt the need to create a book where students can be taught values based on the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence. She reported that she received a grant that required her to give books to the Morgan School District. The board members thanked Lydia and congratulated her on a job well done.

Student School Board Member

Superintendent Jacobs introduced the new student school board member, Abigail Collings. He invited Abigail to give the board a brief background on herself.

Employees of the Month

Mountain Green Elementary Principal Dr. Heidi Andreasen honored Hali Fearn, 4th grade teacher at MGES and Jennifer Duncan, custodian at MGES as employees of the month.

District Assessment Data

Terry Allen showed the board how to access SAGE testing results which are now available to everyone online. He presented instructions on how this information may be accessed. He stated that the district numbers are above the state averages. The administrators reported that these results (or the instructions on how to access electronically) will be distributed to parents at the next Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Transportation Department Report

Ron Litchfield informed the board that Morgan County is one of the top 20 fastest growing counties in the nation. He noted that our student population has increased by approximately 130 students this year. As a result, 9 bus routes have required changes to accommodate the growth as well as the addition of a new route in Mountain Green and a new route in Morgan. He stated that all our buses are very near capacity requiring a new rule that large objects, i.e. band instruments, will no longer be allowed on the buses.

Ron reported that there is a new bus drop off/pick up zone for MHS/MMS students this year. He stated that Trojan Blvd. is blocked off for approximately 10 – 15 minutes in both the morning and afternoon. This seems to be working well and helping with excessive traffic in front of the schools.

Ron noted that he is looking into replacing engines in two buses and he will keep them apprised of the costs of this. He reported that the Transportation Department recently participated in the Morgan County Fair and Safe Kids Fair to educate students on bus and bus stop safety. He stated that it is their goal to be very proactive when it comes to safety and behavior issues.

MHS Trips and Clubs

The board has reviewed the proposed trip and club applications and will discuss them as part of the approval portion of the meeting.

Business Administrator's Report:

D'Lynn Poll updated the board on the capital improvement projects. She noted that the modulars are finished with the exception of the pavement sealing. This will be completed this week. She reported that Alan Bune is currently working on the restrooms in the old 5th grade building. She stated that they should be finished in the next couple of weeks. D'Lynn informed the board that the boiler drains are in and the boilers will be set on Monday. The piping and valves will begin after that. She stated that they should be complete and ready by October 15th.

D'Lynn reported that we are accepting proposals from architects for the proposed building projects. All proposals are due by October 3rd; after which a committee will be formulated to pick an architect. The architect will be presented to the board at the November board meeting.

Discussion Items:

GE School Community Council Policy

Superintendent Jacobs presented the GE School Community Council Policy. He noted that this plan outlines how a community council functions as well as how community council members are elected. The board had no additional recommendations. It will be placed on the agenda next month for approval.

Approval Items:

Teacher Evaluation Policy

The Teacher Evaluation Policy was discussed at the last meeting. It was felt that no changes were necessary.

MOTION: Neil Carrigan made a motion to approve the Teacher Evaluation Policy as written.

SECOND: Ted Taylor seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: The board felt that decreasing the number of teacher evaluations that administrators have to complete will be helpful.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Home School Application Renewals for 2016-17

The board reviewed the home school applications for the 2016-17 school year.

MOTION: Neil Carrigan made a motion to approve the home school applications for 2016-17.

SECOND: Ron Blunck seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

School Trust Land Plan Revisions

Superintendent Jacobs informed the board that there were a few minor changes that were necessary to the Trust Land Plans. Those revisions have been made and must be approved prior to submission.

MOTION: Ron Blunck made a motion to approve the School Trust Land Plan Revisions.

SECOND: Neil Carrigan seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

MHS Trips

The following trips were presented for approval by the board: Softball to St. George Tournament in March, 2017; Cheerleaders to Florida Tournament in February, 2017; Debate to UVU Tournament in January, 2017.

MOTION: Ron Blunck made a motion to approve the MHS trips.

SECOND: Ted Taylor seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Neil Carrigan reported that the district policy states that students may only miss 2 school days on any trip. The cheerleaders have requested a trip that requires them to miss 3 school days. Neil indicated that he feels we should follow district policy and deny the cheer trip because it requires them to miss 3 days. Crae Wilson asked the board to consider extending the rule to 3 days for this trip. The board members felt that the cheerleaders could accomplish what they need to in 2 days rather than 3.

APPROVAL: The motion did not pass.

MOTION: Neil Carrigan made an amended motion to approve the Softball and Debate trips as requested and to approve the Cheer trip requiring them to miss 2 schools day rather than 3 school days.

SECOND: Ted Taylor seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

MHS Clubs

The following clubs were presented for approval by the board: Drama, Robotics, UNICEF, Mountain Bike, Science, Service and Bowling.

MOTION: Neil Carrigan made a motion to approve the MHS clubs.

SECOND: Ted Taylor seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Board member Committee/School Visit reports:

Neil Carrigan reported the Technology meeting will be held in October. The DATC has not held a meeting either. He will give updates on those committees at the next meeting.

The Morgan Education Foundation Color Fun Run will be held Monday, September 19th. Neil stated that he visited Morgan Middle School this month and he was impressed with what they are doing. He invited Principal Renn Hoopes and Dr. Gina Stuart to share their theme for the year. Dr. Stuart noted that their theme this year is “Above the Line.” She stated that they have planned activities for faculty/staff as well as students to model a change in attitude to make MMS a positive environment. The hope is that every student and staff member will make an effort to elevate their speech and actions “Above the Line.” She noted that they are already seeing positive changes. Principal Hoopes reported that the other part of this is CLASSY – Count Blessings, Look for the Good, Acts of Kindness, Service Projects, Self Motivation, You are Valued. He stated that they will be working on this all year and he is pleased with what he is seeing happening already.

Ted Taylor reported on the progress of the boilers. The boilers at MMS are finished and ready for the winter. The boilers at MHS are near completion and will be ready for operation in October. Ted reported that the Recreation Board meeting will held next week and he give an update on that at the next meeting.

Vice President Blunck thanked Ted Taylor for his hard work on the boiler systems. He then stated that he visited Morgan Elementary this month. He visited with Principal Andy Jensen as well as Tiffany Netz and Jodi Hansen. He reported that there are great things happening in those classrooms. The teachers are requesting more Chromebooks and iPads. He noted that we are making great strides with technology but need to continue helping the great teachers of our district.

Advanced Planning for Upcoming Events:

Superintendent Jacobs reported that the USBA 2016 Fall Regional Meeting will be Wednesday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Weber District Office. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 11th. He invited the board members to attend these meetings if possible.

MOTION: Ron Blunck made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Neil Carrigan seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Business Administrator, D'Lynn Poll